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REMOVAL OF CORRUPTION
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the agencies which have been entrusted with the task of combating corruption in the country;

(b) whether these agencies have been able to check corruption in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the concrete steps initiated by the Government to remove corruption from the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS .(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a): The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) are two agencies of the Central Government entrusted with the task of combating Corruption.

(b) & (c) : As per the Annual Report of the CVC for the year 2006, the Commission, out of a total of 11,149 complaints disposed off 10,775 complaints during the year. Further, in the Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against officials, major penalty was awarded in 3362 cases and minor penalty was awarded in 5768 cases. The major penalty cases included dismissal/removal/compulsory retirement in 916 cases. In pursuance of the Commission's advice, the competent authorities in various organizations, issued sanction of prosecution against 150 public servants.

Out of 1070 regular cases investigated by the CBI during 2007, charge-sheets were filed in 851 cases in competent Courts. During the year, 674 cases were disposed off in trial out of which 426 cases resulted in conviction.

(d) : The Government is fully committed to implement its policy of "Zero Tolerance" to corruption and is moving progressively to eradicate corruption from all spheres of life. Several steps have been initiated to remove corruption and to improve functioning of Government. Important among these steps are :-

(a) Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003;

(b) Whistle Blowers Resolution, 2004;

(c) Right to Information Act, 2005;

(d) The pro-active involvement of Ministry/Department through Annual Action Plan on Vigilance.

Government organizations are also constantly engaged in improving their functioning through e- Governance, issue of Citizen Charters and simplification of procedures and systems, which are aimed at eradicating corruption by improving transparency and accountability.